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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT  
Extension of Chapter Expiration Date  
Water Quality Management Planning Rules  
N.J.A.C. 7:15**

**Take notice** that Acting Governor Richard J. Codey has been advised by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) that the Water Quality Management Planning rules, N.J.A.C. 7:15, are due to expire on November 29, 2005, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.

The Department (primarily through the Division of Watershed Management) administers the Water Quality Management Planning rules as part of the “continuing planning process” required by Sections 208 and 303 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11A-1 et seq. These rules serve two basic functions. They establish the Department's general regulatory framework for water quality planning and supplement other Department rules pertaining to wastewater management.

The Department is engaged in an effort to comprehensively revise the Water Quality Management Planning rules. Because of the extent of amendments anticipated, the Department has determined that an extension is needed to develop the amendments for proposal, and subsequently to address public comment and accomplish the adoption.

Therefore, by the authority vested in him, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey, on November 28, 2005, directed that the expiration date for N.J.A.C. 7:15 be extended from November 29, 2005 to May 25, 2006.